

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Method and device for delivering messages to mobile terminal devices in case of an  
5 unsuccessful message delivery attempt to said mobile terminal device from a Store-  
and-Forward Entity of a mobile communication network. The method comprises the  
reception of a notification about an unsuccessful delivery attempt of a message,  
followed by a subscription to a presence service for future notifications of the status  
of a terminal device. The method and a device is provided for executing a  
10 communication attempt following an unsuccessful delivery attempt of a message to a  
mobile terminal device in a communication network when presence of the terminal  
device is determined. This invention allows the conventionally necessary multiple  
delivery attempts to be reduced to just one. The Store-and-Forward Entity does this  
by subscribing to the presence service in case a failed mobile terminated delivery  
15 attempt so that multiple delivery attempts are not performed.